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" (b) The Government have received some representations about persecution of ignorant persons by Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals agents and they are taking suitable action in the matter.

" (c) The Government have no such proposal."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know how these members of branches of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are enrolled? Is there any particular rule or process for enlisting the members of these Societies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think anybody can join as a member and he should be admitted by the Society."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Would not the Government consider the possibility of transferring the work to the Animal Husbandry department, in which case we would have the entire work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals under the control of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is now being done by the Society. I do not think we should take it over now."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know what steps the Government would take to prevent cruelty to ignorant villagers by the subordinate officials of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals especially in the mufassal centres? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We received complaints from the Coimbatore district and we have appointed a Committee to go into this matter and submit proposals to the Government."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I point out that there have been similar complaints in the Chingleput district also, and may I request the Hon. Minister to appoint a Committee generally for enquiry about all districts? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The proposals which will be submitted by the Committee appointed for the Coimbatore district would be applied to other districts also."

Hardship caused to Indian citizens to go to French Indian Settlements by the existence of the permit system.

* 76 *Q.*—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the citizens of Madras State who wish to go to Pondicherry and other French Indian Settlement are experiencing great hardship due to the introduction of the permit system;

(*b*) whether the Government of India have consulted this Government regarding the permit system; and

(*c*) if so, the reply given by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Some inconvenience is inevitable in any permit system, but no cases of serious hardship have been brought to the notice of the Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The Government consider that it is not in the public interest to give the information asked for."

Number of Ministers residing in Government quarters.

* 77 *Q.*—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the number of the Ministers who are residing in Government quarters and the number and names of the Ministers who are receiving house rent allowance in cash?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Three Ministers are now residing in Government quarters. The following five Ministers including the Chief Minister are receiving the house rent allowance of Rs. 250 per mensem :—

(1) Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar,

(2) ,, M. Bhaktavatsalam,

(3) ,, C. Subramaniam,

(4) Raja Sri Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi, and

(5) Sri B. Parameswaran."

Number of Juvenile Courts in the Madras State.

* 78 *Q.*—SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Juvenile Courts in the Madras State, the position of these Juvenile Courts and whether the Government have any programme for expansion of these Courts in all districts of the State; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to appoint Honorary Lady Magistrates in the State for this work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Six; at Madras, Vellore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Kozhikode and Salem.

" There is no definite programme of expansion but the Government are always ready to consider the desirability of setting up such courts wherever statistics would justify such a course.

" (*b*) There is no such specific proposal, but as far as possible, women are being appointed as Magistrates for this work."